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MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION EDUCATION

Many missionary organizations will join in a great fellowship of prayer during Easter week. The themes for these services are: "Jesus is still on the cross"; "These have shared in the cross"; "—and there's a cross for me." Other groups will participate in sacrifice luncheons.

The Boyers have finished their school work in Corvallis and returned to their home in Washington. They are speaking in Washington churches. The Byerlees are busy speaking in Oregon churches. Mr. Byerlee was in the Washington district convention March 17-28. Mrs. Menzies spent two weeks in Idaho, and Mr. Menzies spent a month in Kansas.

A letter from Mrs. Marx says: "Dear Mrs. Leake: I am so thrilled with the splendid reports from Oregon that I must write and tell you so. A gain of \$823 in regular giving, and more than \$200 in designated gifts, are indeed worthy testimony of loyalty and devotion to the church in its world mission. Some one has said that a crisis does not make or break an individual, but that it reveals him. We are in a world crisis and it is revealing the real Christian character of our missionary organizations in Oregon."

The Portland Missionary Federation met Friday, March 21, at Kern Park Christian Church. Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Byerlee, and Meyer Tan-Ditter were speakers. Mrs. Byerlee and Dallas Meserve brought messages in song. The attendance was good.

A letter from "Mother" Bailey tells of her joy in the appearance of "The Oregon Christian". She said further: "Mrs. Day took a car-load of women from Eugene and Springfield to Marcola to meet with the W. M. S. there at their regular meeting. Mrs. Mitchell took her collection of curios from Africa and gave a fine talk."

Mrs. H. B. Marx, National Executive Secretary of the Missionary Organizations, will be the guest of Oregon at the Adult Conference to be held in connection with the state convention in June. Especially will those who heard her challenging addresses at the Convocation look forward with keenest anticipation to a week of study in her class on "The Missionary Character of Christianity."

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.



A new member of the Home family is David H. McClain. He has lived for many years at Hood River, but has more recently resided at Troutdale.

Mrs. Clara Munger was released from long illness by death on February 24. Her care is an example of the ministry of Northwestern Christian Home. She was born in London, England. When she was left a widow without children or others to whom she could turn, she entered the Home in Walla Walla over 20 years ago. As years passed increased deafness shut her in a world of almost total silence. Failing eyes gradually shut out the light. Long months of illness kept her in bed and made it necessary for some one always to be within sound of her call at every hour of day or night. This care the Home provided until her last hour. Her body rests in the Home plot in West Hills Cemetery.

The family at Northwestern Christian Home recently enjoyed a visit from J. Eric Carlson, who is General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association. While here Brother Carlson showed moving pictures of our Home and five other old people's homes, and six children's homes in our association. In a continuous and growing ministry of more than fifty years these homes have rendered service to 20,000 people.

Fine spring weather has favored some work on the grounds of Northwestern Christian Home. The driveway is being changed and improved, new steps made from the laundry, garden and flowers planted, plants and shrubs transplanted so that the external appearance will be improved.

Mrs. Martha Gulliford, our oldest lady, is able to attend church again for the first time since Christmas.

EASTER

The resurrection day must have been a joyful occasion. Easter Sunday should be joyful. April 13 is the reputed anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate it in song, in sermon, and playlet, and we enjoy it. The offering that day should be as joyful as the worship. There can be no better memorial on our part. If sent to Unified Promotion it will be used for Ministerial Relief, Home Missions, and Church Extension. If sent elsewhere it will be used for the designated purpose. Every church should observe the day with both worship and offering. Make the worship most worshipful, and make the offering most hilarious.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

District conventions will be held in all six districts in April. The theme of all will be, "Christ, the Answer." The programs will vary, but the spirit of all will be the same. Dates and places are as follows:

Medford, April 16; Klamath, Jackson, Josephine counties.

Portland Central, April 21; Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, Columbia, and Clatsop counties.

Salem First, April 22; Marion, Linn, Polk, Benton, Yamhill, Tillamook, and Lincoln counties.

Roseburg, April 23; Lane, Douglas, Coos counties.

Kent, April 29; Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson and Deschutes counties.

Heppner, April 30-May 1; Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, and Malheur counties.

You are privileged to attend the one most convenient to you. Get in touch with your pastor and work up several car loads. They will all commence about 10 o'clock and will fill you with inspiration. Will see you.

BROTHERHOOD DINNERS

Not many reports of the observance of brotherhood dinners have come to us. Mill City reports 75 attending, offering of \$10.04; W. S. Crockett, pastor. Hood River, about 90 attending; Mrs. E. F. Leake, in charge, C. F. Swander gave the message. Portland First observed the dinner but we have not had a report as to attendance.

W. A. ELKINS has been selected to give the baccalaureate address at the College of Education, Monmouth, June 1. Congratulations!

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OUR MAILING LIST

Our mailing list is undergoing revision. Please check the number of copies you are getting. If you do not get enough to meet the demand, order more; if you throw copies away, cut down the order. We want every church to have all they need, but we do not desire to waste cost and labor by unnecessary mailings. Thank you very much.

THE STATE CONVENTION

The convention plans are coming on apace. Some of the high-lights are: Theme, "The kingdom that cannot be shaken;" Guest Speaker, Victor Morris, University of Oregon; Adult Conference program each morning; A missionary banquet and a men's Ninety and Nine banquet; Vacation Church School for kiddies; Close with a great communion service Sunday afternoon. Plan now to come and stay all the way through. Date, June 24-29, 1941.

IT CONCERNS US

Reports from headquarters indicate that the thanksgiving offering in Oregon broke down by more than \$100.00. This offering is what your State Educational Committee has to depend upon to carry its program. This year we have kept Mrs. Ferguson in the field weekends for 13 weeks during the fall and winter months; it has been hoped that we might use her during the month of September. This offering also has made it possible to keep a girl in the office, thus releasing the State Director for more time in the field. The shortage indicated above nets about 25% of our budget for educational work. If it is possible for churches and schools not yet contributing this offering to do so yet before June 30 it will be of great help to Oregon.

WANTED—A BELL

The church at Newport wants a bell. If there is a church in Oregon that has one not in use which they will dispose of at a moderate price they may write to Mrs. Audra B. Walton, Box 231, Newport, Oregon.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Financial victory was announced by Pres. K. E. Burke at the Executive Committee meeting of Northwest Christian College when the committee met at the college, March 15. The area meetings held during January were of a very fine quality in spirit and interest. Many were the demonstrations of deep concern for the welfare of the college. Several real examples of sacrificial generosity were recorded.

At the beginning of the school year the college needed funds to maintain operating expenses and salaries of \$1,200.00 per month. There was also need of raising \$8,000 for payment on the property mortgage. To date sufficient money has come in to pay all bills. It is hoped that this generous support will continue to come through the remainder of the year.

SPECIAL GIFTS

The gift of a new typewriter for use in the office has been received. This was greatly appreciated by the office force. Other gifts have included books for the library, dish-cloths for the dining hall, canned fruit, vegetables, jams and jellies. One farmer donated fourteen sacks of potatoes. These donations mean much to the college, and to the students who work in the dining hall for their board. Thanks to all donors.

NEEDS

Several have asked for suggestions regarding things needed. Individuals, Sunday School Classes, and other church groups often want special projects. Here are some real needs:

1. Money for library books.
2. Religious books for the library.
3. Davenport, curtains, and chairs for the girls' dormitories.
4. Rugs for dormitory floors.
5. Dishes, pots and pans, and silverware for the dining hall.
6. Dish-cloths and table-cloths for the dining hall.
7. A washing machine for the laundry room. The one washer we have is over-worked.
8. A new faculty member. We must have a new teacher for next year.
9. New window blinds for several rooms in the Administration Building and in the chapel.
10. Paint for the outside woodwork on the Administration Building.
11. The guarantee of money for college expenses for one day or more. It will cost about \$40 per day next year to operate the college and make our property payment.
12. Class room chairs. We must secure more class room tablet chairs by next school year.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Forty-two students are preaching reg-

ularly each Lord's Day. Many others are serving as Sunday School teachers, song leaders, and C. E. helpers. Several new preaching points have been started, or revived, this year. The work at Irving, after years of inactivity, has been revived by Bill Diehm and Dick Humphries. Some interested friends have purchased the church building at Irving. The work is growing in community favor and in numbers.

Rex Lawson has started services at Walden. The beginning was small but the attendance is on the increase.

Lawrence Baird and Glenn Warner have the work at Wolf Creek under way. On one Sunday morning there were 10 confessions of faith.

Camp Creek and Hayden Bridge are also points where a new life and emphasis is being made.

The jail services conducted each week by the students have resulted in several confessions and baptisms. Recently a man was converted, baptized and sent back home to his wife and family in another state—a soul saved and a home united.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A Young People's Circle has been organized at Roseburg: President, Marion MacMillan; Secretary, Alice Kilpatrick; Treasurer, Lou Helen Strange. Mrs. Frances Hyland, Y. P. Superintendent, "Mom" Day, and Mrs. Walter G. Menzies, assisted in the organization.

The Portland St. Johns Triangle has many and varied activities: a paper drive for the White Swan Mission, preparation of worship programs for the regular church services, singing for shut-ins, mounting pictures for missionaries, a youth choir, decoration of the church, and publishing a monthly paper.

The Portland First Church Rambo Circle has an average attendance of 56 to participate in its fine programs. The Intermediate group tops the record for the state in an attendance of 100.

The Medford Hi-Tri prepared a statement of their objectives and motives as a group which was printed in the church Bulletin. It reveals splendid vision and an aggressive spirit.

The Cecile Harding Circle, Eugene, have raised \$70.00 of their \$100.00 goal. They served a banquet to raise money for Northwest Christian College—and washed the dishes too. At Christmas time they distributed toys, sold 104 boxes of Christmas cards, sent a box of clothing to China, and presented a play for the evening church service.

The Baker Hi-Tri entertained the W. M. S., presenting each with a present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We have been amazed to discover the increase in use of "alien" materials by teachers and pupils in our church schools. David C. Cook is having a fine run; and the Gospel Light Publishing House is making inroads. Just why should we discard our own for the sake of others? The only excuse we can find is that the "alien" material comes cheaper. In other words, we are measuring spiritual values in dollars and cents.

Why do we object to alien materials? Chiefly because they are of lesser value. Written for use in any school they lack a positive note that we have emphasized in our preaching all these years. The surest way of driving people into denominationalism is to feed them upon such materials.

Secondly, we have two publishing houses that have made large sacrifices to build up plants capable of caring for the needs of our schools. They are giving high class workmanship and putting real spiritual values into their product. They, too, could put out "cheaper" materials if they would cheapen the values. But they will not do that. The only way that these houses can exist is by patronage. Would you have them go out of business? Then patronize them.

Thirdly, the best schools among us use their materials. Many of the denominational schools use them, also. We still challenge the world to produce any better. Give your children the best. They deserve it. Be loyal to your own publishing houses. If you have made a mistake in this matter, rectify it at once.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"The Magic Ring," by Ida Lee Wolf. A volume of delightful children's stories. The Standard Publishing Co. Price, \$1.25.

"The Bible and Social Living," by C. F. Cheverton. Volume II deals with the topic in government and in the church. Volume III deals with the topic in our work. Comprehensive reviews of the social aspects of Christianity, and are designed for class work. The Christian Board of Publication. Paper bound.

"The Meaning of Church Membership," by Herbert L. Minard and Glenn McRae. A practical work book for children in class work; designed especially for use in pastor's classes. The Christian Board of Publication. Price, 25c each; 5 or more, 20c; leader's guide to accompany, 10c.

PORTLAND FIRST: 5 added by statement March 16. Thompson L. Shannon, pastor.

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Our Superintendent, Mrs. Laura K. Hill, plans to attend the staff meeting of the N. B. A., and the International Convention, in May.

Howard Pew, of Portland First Church, has made a beautiful model of our Home building for display in the exhibit of benevolent work at the International Convention.

Beginning with May 1 our Benevolent work will employ the full time of Walter L. Myers as regional representative for the California Christian Home and Northwestern Christian Home. Brother F. M. Rogers, who did an outstanding work as General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association, and has later served as Regional Representative in the area of California Christian home, retired February 1 on account of ill health.

The appeal of the needy is an ancient cry: Psalms 71:9, 18, "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength failed . . . yea, even when I am old and grayheaded; O God, forsake me not."

DEDICATION AT CORBETT

On March 9 the remodelled church house at Corbett was rededicated with an all-day service. A full basement, rearranged auditorium, walls refinished in knotty pine, draperies at the platform, and other improvements have enhanced the beauty and value of the house. Earl L. Soward, pastor, is the one most largely responsible for it. C. F. Swander, State Secretary, gave the dedicatory message. Just 27 years before he had dedicated the original building. Ernest Chamberlain, a product of the Corbett Church, was present. W. E. Lewis, a former supply minister, was also present. A tragedy marred the morning service. While the pastor was preaching a passing car struck, and instantly killed, little 5-year old Donald Errand. It cast a shadow over the entire day.

VITAL STATISTICS

Peter S. Brunk, of Eugene, died Feb. 9; father of Hugh Brunk, Mrs. Walter Myers, and Mrs. Ross Guiley. He was active in the church life.

Maynard Thompson, of Eugene, died Feb. 24. He had been an active minister of the Christian Church. His wife survives him.

Dennis Earl Bixler, born at Lebanon, March 12. Congratulations!

The Turner Memorial Home will be given space to present their work in an issue before the State Convention. E. J. Gilstrap will supply the information. Watch for it.

THE NINETY AND NINE

If the activities of your men's group are not reported in this paper it is because no word of them has been received. Please send in details of it so others might know of your good works. This is your paper; use it.

"Send more boys to Boys Camps and we'll have less boy scamps." Thus spake Claire Martin, and we say, "Amen!" Gene Robinson and Howard Cole, on a recent trip through Southern Oregon received much encouragement in regard to the proposed Boys Camp at Fir Point, and plans are developing along that line. Lloyd Arnett, of Portland, and Staryl Austin, of Liberty, are the committee in charge.

Just a reminder of the good things on the program at the Turner Convention, Saturday, June 28: Special session for men in the afternoon; a banquet at 5:30; a chorus of 100 men in the evening service; and a men's Bible Class of 500 on Sunday morning.

Many fine tracts are available for distribution through the local church. Our state tract and supply department can furnish these at cost. Write to K. I. Dixon, 4621 S. E. 71st Ave., Portland, Oregon. Every Ninety and Nine District should supply a man to care for these things, and Brother Dixon will be glad to assist in outlining such a program. The tract table at your rallies and local meetings will receive considerable attention.

Orders for the little 5c testaments which are being used in our New Testament distribution campaign are continuing to come in. The state goal has been set for 5,000 for the year and we are approaching the half-way mark. Some local groups and districts are not taking advantage of this opportunity. Orders may be placed with Brother Dixon, and correspondence regarding this project should be addressed to Cleve Hudson, State Evangelistic Chairman, 706 S. E. Grand Ave., Portland, Oregon.

MID-COLUMBIA DISTRICT

The newly organized Mid-Columbia District was entertained at the Hood River Church on March 11. About 50 men were present from The Dalles, Hood River, Wasco, and Dufur. Charles McQuary, of Hood River, was elected President; Albert T. Owen, The Dalles, Vice-President; and Charles Harmon, of Hood River, Secretary-Treasurer. Wilbur R. "Big Bill" Hensley, of Gladstone was the speaker; and Brothers Dixon, Martin, Hudson, DeWees, and Smith represented the state organization. A good time was had by all.

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT

Yamhill County Ninety-and-Niners met for their regular bi-monthly meeting at Carlton and enjoyed a rousing message from Hugh McCallum, pastor

of Mallory Ave. Church, Portland. More than 80 men were in attendance, including Dr. C. R. Beatty, Lloyd Arnett, and K. I. Dixon, state officers.

Nearly 200 men attended the February rally of Willamette District in the Court Street Church, Salem. The Tan-Ditters, who were in a series of meetings at Court Street, brought the message in song and sermon. Other special music was furnished by a boys' trio and a steel guitar from the Mennonite Church, as well as several capable musicians in the local group.

The Linn County Ninety-and-Nine rally held in Lebanon on Monday evening, March 17, was enjoyed by more than 100 men. The Northwest Christian College quartet, composed of Vern Kulowatz, George Whipple, Allan Clarke, and Jim Wynn, furnished special music, and Medford Jones brought an inspiring message. Lawrence Bixler presided. Delegations attended from Albany, Crabtree, Peoria, Harrisburg, Jefferson, Sweet Home, and other churches at Lebanon. State President Ray Smith and Evangelistic Chairman Cleve Hudson were present and brought brief messages.

O. J. Hull, Willamette District President, is able to be about and attended the Linn County rally. No fooling, everybody was glad to see him.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

County rallies in this district will be held during April under the leadership of Clair Martin for Multnomah County; Wilbur Hensley, Clackamas County; and Charles Dumas, Washington County. These meetings will be in addition to the usual district rally and their value has been proven many times in Willamette District. The time and place will be announced later.

Lloyd Beatty, of Kern Park, and Dallas Meserve, of Central, recently enjoyed the unique experience of conducting the entire service at the Union Gospel Mission.

Thirty-five men attended the February meeting of the Gladstone Ninety-and-Nine Fellowship. Albert Kribs, of Sellwood Church, brought the message, and Lloyd Arnett, Dr. Beatty, and the State President represented the state work.

The Northwest District Father and Son rally was held at the Portland Central Church on March 24. The program was under the leadership of the Turner Boys Camp staff, including Howard Cole, Gene Robinson, Vernon Kulowatz, Fred Towne, Bert Thurston, and Jess Johnson.

A group of Ninety-and-Niners conducted an evening service recently at Multnomah during the absence of Elery Parrish. Those participating were W. E. Abbott, Art Bailey, Ray Smith, Dallas

Meserve, and Alger Fitch. Brother Parrish was holding meetings in Chico, California.

Medford Jones, a student at Northwest Christian College, has taken the work at Molalla and reports a fine interest. This church is being assisted by State Ninety-and-Nine evangelistic money and we expect to cooperate in an evangelistic meeting later on.

Men of Kern Park Church participated in a visitation campaign following the National Christian Mission and were rewarded by seeing 13 responses to the invitation on the first Lord's Day following the campaign.

MISSION TO THE JEWS

The Tan-Ditters, known to most Ninety-and-Niners as "missionaries to the Jews first and also to the Gentiles," have held meetings in many of our churches and are in Oregon City at the present time. They are members of the Kern Park Church, and their work deserves the support of our brotherhood. We are pleased to share space to publish the following item for Brother Tan-Ditter:

REMEMBER THE JEW

Romans 1:16

Because—

1. They need Christ, Acts 4:12.
2. They gave us Christ, Romans 9:5.
3. Christ was a Jew, John 4:9.
4. Salvation came through the Jew, John 4:32.
5. Christ included them in his commission to the disciples, Matt. 28:19.

THE TAN-DITTERS

Portland Hebrew Mission
2406 S. W. 1st Ave., Portland Ore.

CASH PRIZES FOR NINETY-NINERS

The LOOKOUT is offering a cash prize of \$10 to the Men's Bible Class giving the best report on a publicity campaign for the first four months of 1941. Anyone interested in claiming this money will do well to communicate with the contest department of the LOOKOUT.

YAMHILL COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people of Yamhill County churches held a most delightful meeting at McMinnville on March 21. They had a varied program of class sessions, led by Ernest Chamberlain, S. J. Osborne, and C. F. Swander; a splendid sermon by Paul Callahan; and a season of recreation directed by W. F. Morse. Refreshments were served at the close. Mrs. Vera Morgan was most largely responsible for the success of the evening. Another will be held in Newberg at some time in the future.

STATE OFFERINGS

To March 24, 1941

CHURCHES: Albany, \$50.00; Falls City, \$5.00; Kern Park, \$10.55; Nyssa, \$2.00; Ontario, \$2.50; Salem First, \$20.85; St. Johns, \$5.00.

SCHOOLS: Heppner, \$10.00; Ontario, \$1.00.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest, \$32.77; Paid on notes, \$197.23.

INDIVIDUALS: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Reed, \$5.00; Edith Sias, \$15.00.

CONGRATULATIONS

We cannot print all the nice words that have come concerning the first issue of "The Oregon Christian." These are typical:

"It is sure to become a welcome visitor to the Christian homes of our brotherhood." T. J. O'Connor, Halfway.

"Congratulations! I am sure this will be a great help to you in your work." Arthur Dillinger, Iowa State Secretary.

"Congratulations on your first edition. I think the united effort is grand and I am all for it." Mrs. Phila Murphy, World Call Secretary.

The new paper has brought us a large number of increased circulation. Give us your brick-bats as well as your bokays. We can take it.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL EVENTS

C. E. State Convention, Klamath Falls, April 24-29.

Training Conference for Vacation School Workers, April 29-May 1, somewhere in Portland. Exact place set later.

Regional Adult Conference, Forest Grove, June 4-10.

Regional Christian Youth Conference, Silver Creek, August 10-17.

VERNONIA: Will improve next door lot for a recreational center for young people, with the erection of a recreational building. The women have purchased new linoleum at cost of \$125. A beautiful cross installed in the church. The Tan-Ditters to be with us March 30 to April 13. W. O. Livingstone, pastor.

TURNER: B. Ross Evans closed meeting with 21 additions. O. W. Jones, pastor. The church is thriving under Brother Jones' ministry.

THE WILLAMETTE DISTRICT of the Ninety-Nine will meet Monday, April 28, at the Mill City Church of Christ.

ST. HELENS: 1 baptized recently. Salary increased. W. A. Barnes, pastor.

PORTLAND CENTRAL: 3 added March 16. Guy L. Drill is assisting in a meeting. J. Claude Neely, pastor.

ASTORIA-SILVERTON: Have arranged a pastoral exchange—Russell Myers going to Silverton and F. W. Zook to Astoria. Blessings upon them!